



City of Kent
Department of Economic and
Community Development
Update May 5th, 2015

~~FAA Regional HQ:~~ Time to Pivot.



Sound Transit Link Light Rail



Angle Lake Station Under Construction.

- The EIS Comment Period ends May 26th
- Letter to Sound Transit from Mayor and Council President on preferred alignment that supports Envision Midway Plan.
- Preferred: I-5 Alignment with Station in Kent on the Westside of 30th Ave S . Connecting to Highline College by Pedestrian Bridge

Comprehensive Plan Update



- Update Incorporates City Council's Strategic Goals
 - Emphasis on Vibrant Places
 - Requires Capital Funding for Growth
- May 11th: Second Public Hearing to the Land Use and Planning Board
- Recommendations Will Be Made to City Council in June
 - City's Goals and Policies
 - Map Amendments Generally Support More Mixed-Uses

Kent Valley: Innovation Buzz

Blue Origin Launch



Blue Origin: Surprise rocket launch April 29th; a Kent company now with 500+ employees. International news.

AUVSI Conference in Kent: Garnered coverage in Kent Reporter and in Sunday Seattle Times. Attracted 150 technologists, industry members, and researchers.

Green River College with the City of Kent, University of Washington, state Department of Commerce, and industry meeting on creation of **UAV education and product prototyping facility**.

AUVSI Cascades Conference

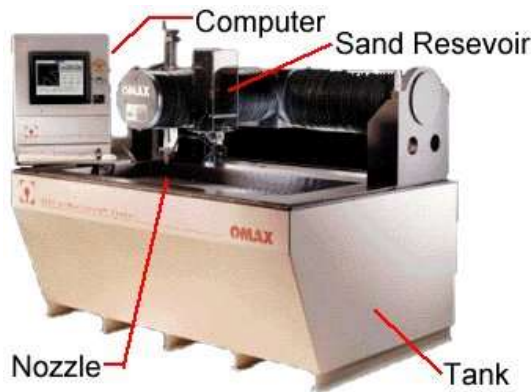


Green River College will stage **software and IT “meetups”**, where students, entrepreneurs and tech companies will **mix and network on May 14th**.

Congratulations: Seattle Magazine Manufacturing Award Winners



Breedt Production Tooling &
Design: Most Innovative Small-
Sized Manufacturer 2015



Omax: Mid-Size Manufacturing
Firm of 2015

Two highly sophisticated,
innovative makers of industrial
machines and custom tools

Congratulations!

Our “Excellence on Main Award” Winners

Revitalize WA 2015: State Main Street Program Conference

Bellingham on Thursday, May 7th 2015

Airways Beer & Bistro: Entrepreneur of the Year



Suzanne Cameron: Main Street Volunteer of the Year

Downtown is Springing to Life



- Artistic energy in the historic downtown
- “Art Walk” and “Wine Walk” Bringing Feet and Eyes to Kent



- Energy is attracting renewed investment in the Post Office
- Owner working on concept with art, food, and beverages

Business Coming to Kent Station



Contemporary Mexican Restaurant

Opening in late May at Former Cal's space

Kent Station continues to anchor our emerging downtown core



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**MACRINA
BAKERY**

Flagship Bakery Operation
expanding from SoDo into Kent

Targeted Opening is March 2016

Discussing “Made in Back, Sell in
Front” Concept and Retail/Cafe

Approximately 120 bakery and
pastry jobs will come with it

Location: 19015 66th Ave S, Kent

Questions?